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ECONOMIC SABOTAGE TRIALS CONTINUE

LONG IMPRISONMENT USUAL -- Slowo Katolickie, No 47, 19 Nov 49

Economic sabotage trials continue throughout Poland. The usual sentences are long imprisonment or confinement in labor camps. The smallest sentence so far, 2 years imprisonment, was pronounced by the Regional Court in Gniezno in the case of Stefan Skrobala, a worker, who was convicted of appropriating scraps of cloth to make himself some underwear. The court was not impressed with the plea that the pieces were very small and had to be sewn together many times, and that his wages were very small and did not allow for such items as underwear.

3 SENTENCED TO PRISON -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 277, 20 Nov 49

At a hearing in Otwock the District Military Court tried Jan Gruszczynski, a member of the Citizens Militia, and Albert Sokolowski and Kazimierz Klatt, storekeepers, of Sochaczew. Gruszczynski was convicted of accepting bribes and destroying investigation files, Sokolowski of overcharging, and Klatt of being an accessory. Gruszczynski was sentenced to 8 years in prison, and the two other defendants to 7 and 6 years, respectively, and confiscation of property.

WESTERN SYMPATHIZERS REMOVED FROM OFFICE -- Slowo Katolickie, No 47, 19 Nov 49

More than 150 officials have been removed from the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, especially those suspected of sympathizing with the Western.

Jerzy Grosicki, formerly Vice-Minister of Supply and recently Vice-Minister of Arts and Culture, and Kazimierz Ivanowski, Vice-Minister of Forestry, were among those removed from office. Minister of Supply Lechowicz had been previously arrested for contacts with the Anglo-Saxon imperialists.

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